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Subject: Petition Against the Duke Energy Rate Increase

Dear Commissioners:

As a Duke Energy electric customer, I encourage you to closely examine the Duke Energy electric rate proposal (2018-319-e) when it comes before you, Specifically, I am concerned that:

Duke Energy's proposal to increase the basic facilities charge, a fixed cost from \$8.29 to over \$28. This would make this mandatory fee one of the highest in the country and much higher than the other investor-owned utility in South Carolina which recently lowered its fixed cost.

The increase in this mandatory fee takes away customer control over my energy bill robs me of the full benefit of energy conservation efforts. It is important that you protect older consumers who may live on a fixed income.

Share your own thoughts with the SC Public Service Commission:

We should not have a rate increase to make up for rate increases that were denied in other states.(NC comes to mind)

We should make up for expenses that stock holders should pay.

We should not pay higher rates to support mergers with other companies

. Expansion should be paid for by stockholders.

Since Duke is a regulated monopoly, operations should be performed in a 'least cost' method.

Mega bonuses for management should not be allowed.

As a regulated monopoly, Duke's department budgets should published or open for inspection.

Duke should have business offices in each major city.

Sincerely,
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